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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY MEMBER OF FRG PARLIAMENT FOR
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON US LOS AND ICNAF POSITIONS

1. ON JANUARY 22, AN ASSISTANT (SCHLUPP) FROM OFFICE
OF MEMBER OF BUNDESTAG HORST GRUNENBERG (SPD, BREMER-
HAVEN), CALLED EMBASSY REQUESTING MEETING FOR PURPOSE
OF A BRIEFING ON POLITICAL CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND OF
POSITIONS TAKEN ON LOS CONFERENCE AND ICNAF ISSUES BY
USG BOTH ABROAD AND VIS-A-VIS US CONGRESS RE PENDING U.
S. LEGISLATION. HE REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO THE
SECRETARY'S MONTREAL SPEECH ON AUGUST 11, 1975 AND
ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ITS POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS.

2. SCHLUPP EXPLAINED THAT GRUNENBERG, AFTER HIS
VISIT TO ICELAND IN SPRING 1975, HAD BEEN INSTRU-
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MENTAL IN ENCOURAGING VISIT OF FOREIGN OFFICE

STATE-SECRETARY TO ICELAND IN FALL 1975, THE FIRST TIME THE FRG/ICELAND CONFLICT RECEIVED ATTENTION IN FRG FOR ITS POLITICAL, RATHER THAN MERELY ITS TECHNICAL/LEGAL, ASPECTS. AS OPPOSED TO GENERAL DISINTEREST OF FRG POLITICIANS, CABINET AND PUBLIC IN LOS MATTERS, STILL CONSIDERED IN FRG TO BE LARGELY A LAWYERS' AND TECHNICIANS' EXERCISE, GRUNENBERG WAS IMPRESSED BY OVERWHELMING PREOCCUPATION OF ICELAND PARLIAMENTARIANS AND GENERAL PUBLIC WITH LOS MATTERS.

3. IN EFFORT TO UPGRADE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTEREST, AS WELL AS CLOUT WITHIN GOVERNMENT OF FRG LOS TASK FORCE AND THOSE CONCERNED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THESE MATTERS, GRUNENBERG IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MID-FEBRUARY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, INCLUDING MARIE SCHLEI, STATE-SECRETARY.

4. SCHLUPP, WHO HAS PREPARED REPORT ON LOS MATTERS FOR SPD FRAKTION, EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE FRUSTRATION AT LOW KEY IN WHICH LOS MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE ON WHICH FRG INTEREST WILL BE DETRIMENTALLY AFFECTED, ARE BEING HANDLED BY ALL ELEMENTS IN FRG. CONVERSELY, HE EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR MANNER IN WHICH US LOS TASK FORCE IS ORGANIZED AND PROFESSIONALLY HANDLING ISSUES POLITICALLY BY SUCH ACTIONS AS THE SECRETARY'S MONTREAL SPEECH, STATEMENTS TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS ARTICLES IN AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (COPY OF LATEST ARTICLE BEING PROVIDED TO GRUNENBERG).

5. GRUNENBERG SEEMS TO BE GROPING FOR INFORMATION ON POLICY AND TACTICS EMPLOYED BY USG WHICH MIGHT HELP HIM TO MOBILIZE GREATER INTEREST IN LOS MATTERS IN FEDERAL EXECUTIVE, FRG PARLIAMENT AND PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF LOS TASK FORCE HAVE INDICATED THAT GRUNENBERG'S EFFORTS ARE WELCOME.

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6. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT GRUNENBERG MIGHT ASK TO VISIT MEMBERS OF US LOS DELEGATION, IN PARTICULAR CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON. HIS ASSISTANT STATED THAT GRUNENBERG MIGHT WISH TO DO SO PART WAY THROUGH MARCH SESSION, PERHAPS IN EARLY APRIL. (LOS TASK FORCE MEMBER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GRUNENBERG WAS NOT ON FRG LOS DELEGATION, BUT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE WELCOME WERE HE TO REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED.) IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN USG INTEREST TO BE HELPFUL TO GRUNENBERG BY PROVIDING THE BRIEFING HERE REQUESTED BY SCHLUPP, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE IN USABLE FORM THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LOS AND RELATED DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS THAT GRUNENBERG SEEMS TO BE SEEKING. EMBASSY HAS ADEQUATE MATERIAL AND INFORMATION ON ICNAF TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE BRIEFING FOR SCHLUPP DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 24.
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7. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVISION ASAP OF POLITICAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON US POSITIONS ON MAJOR LOS ISSUES OTHER THAN ICNAF INCLUDING BILLS IN CONGRESS AND COMMITTEE AND HEARING REPORTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, BRIEFING MATERIALS PREPARED FOR US CONGRESSMEN ON DELEGATION, TO BE PROVIDED OR SHOWN TO SCHLUPP, OR FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND IF TRANSMISSION TO SCHLUPP NOT ACCEPTABLE. MATERIALS NEEDED IN TIME FOR GRUNENBERG'S USE BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY MEETING WITH

FEDERAL CHANCELLERY.
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